



Missouri Department of Higher Education

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March 24, 2011

Robert Vartabedian, President
Missouri Western State University
4525 Downs Drive
St. Joseph, MO 64507

Dear President Vartabedian:

This acknowledges that on March 24th, this department received notice of your institution's intent to change tuition for academic year 2011-12. The notice indicates a tuition increase of \$362.40. Missouri Western's base tuition is \$5,726.30. Therefore, this constitutes an increase of 6.33%.

As my letter of January 18th indicated, the maximum increase permitted for your institution under the Higher Education Student Funding Act (HESFA) without a waiver is \$93.63. Because your increase of \$362.40 will exceed that amount, it triggers the penalty provisions of the HESFA.

If you wish to request a waiver of the HESFA penalty, we must receive that request with your justification and supporting documentation no later than April 25, 2011. If you submit a penalty waiver request, please address the criteria described in the attachment to the extent that they are appropriate to your institution.

Deputy Commissioner Paul Wagner is available at (573) 751-1794 to respond to any questions that you or members of your staff may have regarding this process.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Russell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

David R. Russell, Ph.D.
Commissioner

Attachment

cc: Joe Cornelison
Paul Wagner